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The Alaska Federation of Natives today responded to the Governor's veto of almost half a billion dollars from the state's operating budget, calling it an unwise commitment to a campaign promise.

'AFN supports the overall parameters of operating budget the Legislature passed,' said AFN President Julie Kitka. 'We urge the House and Senate to override these uncalled-for vetoes, particularly those related to education, health, and public safety.'

The Alaska State Legislature sent the smallest operating budget in more than a decade to Governor Dunleavy. In doing so, lawmakers recognized that the size of the Permanent Fund dividend can't override sound fiscal policy. Tough but necessary budget cuts were made. The 182 radical and drastic vetoes announced today by Governor Dunleavy threaten the livelihood and rights of tens of thousands of Alaskans.

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AFN continues to call for good government, including responsible budgeting that meets the needs of Alaskans—and gets our economy back on track. We support a sustainable fiscal plan and a Permanent Fund Dividend, and recognize that the two aren't mutually exclusive.

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The Alaska Federation of Natives is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska, representing 191 federally recognized tribes, 171 village corporations, 12 regional corporations, and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs. AFN's mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic, and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.



ABOUT AFN

AFN is Alaska's largest and oldest statewide Native organization. Formed in 1966 to settle land claims, AFN continues to be the principal forum and voice of Alaska Natives in addressing critical issues of public policy and government. Our membership includes 191 federally recognized Indian tribes, 171 for-profit village corporations, 12 for-profit regional corporations, 12 not-for-profit regional organizations, and a number of tribal consortia that compact and contract to run federal and state programs. AFN is governed by a [38-member board](#), which is elected by its membership at the annual convention held each October. AFN's mission is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community. *Learn more at www.nativefederation.org.*

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